

FROM YESTERDAY'S FIFTH EDITION.  
FROM NEW YORK.

**Jay Cooke Offers to Take the Whole of the New Loan.**  
NEW YORK, May 25.—The Commercial Advertiser says:—An offer has been made to the Treasury by Jay Cooke, on behalf of his own house and the principal subscription agents and bankers in this city and in Europe, to take on and after the first of June the whole of the new five per cent. loan not then subscribed for, to the amount of \$130,000,000. The offer is regarded favorably by the Secretary, and he is now considering the proposed terms.

**The Fires in the Mountains.**  
POCONGERS, May 25.—The fires on the Shandaken mountains are increasing fearfully. Yesterday Edward Lane, of Phenicia, lost \$8000 worth of logs. Up Hollow Tree branch one thousand acres of woodland have been destroyed. Joseph Riley loses \$3000 worth of logs. In some places the flames ran along fifty feet high.

**National Insurance Convention.**  
to-day, communications from different organizations were received for consideration.  
**Struck With Paralysis.**  
Colonel John McLeod Murphy was stricken with paralysis yesterday afternoon. Colonel Murphy raised a regiment and served with bravery during the war.

## FROM THE WEST.

**Rioting and Lynch Law in Missouri.**  
ST. LOUIS, May 25.—Information from Douglas county, Mo., represents that the house of John Hatfield was surrounded on the night of the 18th by a party of men, who fired several shots into it. After daybreak, Hatfield discovered two of the assailants, and shot and wounded them. Subsequently, Hatfield gave himself up, and while being taken to the county seat in charge of an officer, he was overtaken by several men and killed, his body being riddled with bullets. Three attempts had been made on Hatfield's life since last fall.

**Explosion and Loss of Life.**  
DETROIT, May 25.—The tugboat B. B. Jones exploded her boiler this noon at Port Huron, killing six men, whose names are not yet ascertained. The tug was blown to atoms, and was worth \$30,000.

## NEWS SUMMARY.

**City Affairs.**  
—The diamond thief Jackson, of Long Branch fame, passed through this city yesterday, having been arrested in Illinois.  
—The Athletics vanquished the Experts yesterday, by a score of 48 to 12.

—In the Point Breeze races yesterday, the first, for all horses that had not trotted faster than 2:22, was won by Elmo, this stallion taking all the heats in 2:31, 2:30, and 2:32. The second race, for horses that had not beaten 2:30, was won by None Such, owned by a Connecticut man, the time being 2:27, 2:30, and 2:28.  
—As the twenty minutes past 10 train from this city to Norristown was about a quarter of a mile north of Conshohocken, on Wednesday last, moving rapidly, the engineer discovered something on the track, and immediately slackened the engine. It was then discovered that some miscreant had placed on the track a coal car, and a short distance beyond a large log of wood was placed across the rails. It was very fortunate that the observation was observed, as what might have been a serious disaster was thus averted.

**Domestic Affairs.**  
—The fires on the Shandaken Mountains are increasing fearfully.  
—The celebrated Yerger case was again called to trial yesterday at Jackson, Miss.

—The different public departments at Washington will be closed on Decoration Day.  
—The Fremont mansion, at Northwood, N. H., was destroyed, with its contents, by fire on Wednesday.  
—The Adams Express Company has recovered all but \$1000 of the money stolen from their office at Columbus, Ohio, on the 16th instant.

—The base ball game between the Haymakers, of Troy, and the Mutuals, of New York, yesterday, resulted in 25 for the former to 10 for the latter club.  
—The brutal prize fight which has been in contemplation during several days past, between Edwards and Collins, came off yesterday near East New York, and after eighty-five rounds were fought it was declared a draw.

**Foreign Affairs.**  
—The civil war in Panama has ended.  
—The finest palaces of Paris are now in ruins.

—The most precious works of art in the Louvre were saved.  
—The insurgents are using great quantities of petroleum shells.  
—Troubles have broken out on the frontiers of Guatemala and Mexico.  
—The Government batteries during yesterday were bombarding Belleville.  
—Belgium is inclined to treat the escaping Communists, not as political refugees, but as villains.  
—The Archbishop of Paris, fifty priests, and many bishops have been murdered by the insurgents.  
—The financial measures of the Government are still under discussion in the Italian Chamber of Deputies.  
—A despatch from the outside of Paris, dated yesterday noon, says the whole city is threatened with destruction by fire.  
—The Chamber of Deputies at Athens has voted a liberal sum to the widow of Mr. Lloyd, who was murdered by the Grecian brigands.  
—It is said negotiations are in progress between the Governments of England and Germany for a session by the former to the latter of the Island of Heligoland.

—The Emperor of Russia will arrive at Berlin on the 9th of June, to witness the triumphal entry of the German troops, which is appointed to come off two days later.  
—The confagration in Paris of the past few days have destroyed many of the finest buildings in the city, and it will require many years and much money to repair the loss occasioned by the vandals.

## COUNCILS.

**Meeting Yesterday Afternoon.**  
Both branches of Councils met yesterday afternoon, at the usual hour, in their respective chambers.  
**Select Branch.**—President Cattell in the chair. A communication from the Park Commissioners was received, enclosing regulations for the passage of droves of cattle, sheep and hogs, across Girard avenue bridge, and asking for authority to carry it out.  
Mr. Hanna also offered a resolution authorizing the erection of a gate across so much of the bridge as is set apart for the travel of vehicles and stock. The whole matter was referred to the Highway Committee.  
Mr. Fareira presented a petition from citizens representing property to the value of \$100,000,

asking for the passage of the loan bill for the improvement of Broad street. Referred.  
Mr. Sherman, from the Committee on Fire, presented a report recommending the confirmation of a number of new appointments in the Fire Department. Agreed to.  
Mr. George A. Smith, from the Committee on Surveys, reported favorably upon the adoption of the resolutions adopted by Common Council relative to the proposals for the construction of the new Fairmount bridge.

Mr. Thomas J. Smith presented a minority report upon the same subject, recommending that the contract for the whole work be given to Mr. John W. Murphy.  
[Note.—The report of the majority is in favor of giving the contract for the iron-work to Mr. Murphy, and the masonry to Mr. John F. Kennedy.—REPOINTER.]

After some discussion, the yeas and nays were called upon the adoption of the amendment, with the following result:—yeas, 11; nays, 14.  
The question then came upon the original resolution, upon which the yeas and nays were called and resulted in its adoption—yeas 14; nays 11.

William S. Grant was elected Trustee of the City Ice Boat, by acclamation.  
Mr. Fareira, from the Committee on the House of Correction, reported a resolution directing the Commissioner of City Property to collect the rents of the farm-house and grounds of the House of Correction, which was agreed to.

The following bills from Common Council were then considered:—  
An ordinance directing the employment of an architect for the House of Correction. Postponed. The bill was then read the second time for Thursday next at 5 o'clock.

An ordinance to release the Department of Highways from the supervision of Girard avenue bridge, and to transfer the same to the Park Commissioners. Postponed and made the special order for Thursday next at 5 o'clock.  
Resolved, That the Mayor direct Frankford creek to the Delaware river. Agreed to.  
An ordinance providing for the better government of the department supplying the city with water was received back from the Common Council with certain amendments, which were concurred in.

Mr. Cattell at this point introduced an ordinance providing for the prevention of accidents by the removal of pavements or by excavations made on the highway without proper notification to the railway companies. Passed.  
The consideration of bills from Common Council was then continued.

A resolution to appoint a committee to consult with the officers of the Reading Railroad in reference to the bridge over Fifth street was agreed to.

A resolution to extend the operation of the Police and Fire-Alarm Telegraph by placing additional boxes in the several wards of the city, and appropriating \$15,000 to pay the same. The yeas and nays were called, when, it being found that there was no quorum present, the Chamber adjourned.

**Common Branch.**—President Hahn in the chair.  
A communication was received from Reynolds Post, G. A. R., asking that Tuesday, which will be Decoration Day, be set apart as a holiday. Tabled.

Mr. Buzby submitted a communication requesting Councils to bring anew before the public the subject of erecting memorials or statues representing the thirteen original States of the Union. Referred to the Committee on Centennial Celebrations.  
Mr. Logan presented a resolution instructing the Committee on Poor to investigate certain charges made against members of the Board of Guardians. Referred to the Committee on Poor.

A resolution was adopted allowing music in Norris Square during the summer.  
A petition from General Prevost and others, asking for an appropriation for the celebration of the Fourth of July, was referred.  
Mr. Allen offered a resolution for the appointment of a committee of three from each Chamber, to confer with the Reading Railroad Company relative to the building of a bridge over the road at Thompson street. Adopted.

Mr. Logan presented a resolution, reported a supplementary ordinance relative to the numbering of carts, drays, and other vehicles for hire, which was agreed to.  
Mr. Shane, chairman of the Committee on Fire Department, reported an ordinance making an appropriation of \$15,000 for extending the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, and placing additional signal boxes in the several wards of the city. Agreed to.

Mr. Allen, chairman of the Committee on House of Correction, reported an ordinance providing for the appointment of James H. Windrim, architect, to superintend the erection of the new House of Correction. Agreed to.  
Mr. Rowan, from the Committee on Highways, reported a number of resolutions to grade, open, and pave certain streets.

Mr. Kendrick called up the ordinance transferring the control of the Girard avenue bridge from the Highway Department to the Park Commissioners. Passed.

Select Council met Common Council in joint convention, and elected by acclamation the following named gentlemen for the positions named:—  
Trustees of Northern Liberties Gas Works:—Joseph H. Collins and Joseph B. Hancock.  
Port Wardens:—John J. Kersey, Robert Greer, Jr., John K. Lee, M. D., Ludlum Matthews, Preston Bready, Jacob Walker, Galloway C. Morris, George Truman, Jr.  
The ordinance for the government and protection of the Department for supplying the City with Water was called up by Mr. Kendrick. The question of inserting section ten was considered and adopted by a vote of 30 to 10. A number of sections were adopted, and the bill was passed.

**Perverse Literary Taste.**  
From the Manchester (Vt.) Journal.

For some months past the papers and magazines throughout the country have been ringing the praises of two, so-called, brilliant literary stars, Bret Harte and J. Hay, until it seemed as though this "didactic" literature and trash, if not sacrilegious verse, was to take the place of everything sensible and elevating, and that profanity was actually poetry. I think it time that the press should wake up to a sense of its duty, and boldly decry anything so debasing as this style of poetry must be, and which will in time be so looked upon by every right-minded person.

The New York Evening Post gives a recipe for producing the sensational poetry above spoken of, which carries its own rebuke with it, which I enclose:—

Take for your hero some thorough-bred scamp, Miner, or pilot, or jockey, or tramp—Gambler (of course), drunkard, bully, and cheat. "Poetic Fireworks," in ways of deceit; So fond of ladies, he's given to ogling; (Better, perhaps, just now for a subject's pitying!) Pepper his talk with the raciest slang; Cullied from the haunts of his rude, vulgar gang! Season with blasphemy and hit him with oaths; Serve him up hot in your "dialect" verses—Properly dished he'll excite a sensation, And tickle the taste of our delicate nation.

Old Mother English has twaddled enough; Give us a language that's really strong and rough; Who cares just now for a subject's pitying? Popular heroes must wear shabby clothes; What if their dialect is cumbered with oaths? That's but a feature of Life Occidental; Really, at heart, they are pious and gentle. Think, for example, how solemn and rich is The sermon we gather from dear "Little Brethren;" Isn't it charming—that sweet baby-talk Of the trichin who "chawed" ere he fairly could walk?

Sure, 'tis no wonder bright spirits above Singled him out for their errand of love! I suppose I'm a "foxy"—not up to the age—But can't help recalling an earlier career; When a poet meant something beyond a Reporter, And his lines could be read to a sister or daughter; When a real inspiration (divine affluence) Could be printed without any saving heads; When humor was decently shrouded in rhymes, And suited the primitive ways of the time, And all would be blessed had we dreamed of The rules Which are taught us to-day in our "Dialect" schools;

It may be all right, though I said it all wrong, This queer prostitution of talent in song; Perhaps, in our markets, gold sells at a loss, And the public will pay better prices for dross—Well! twice folly to row against a tide that has turned, Ere I swallow the brood of that "Heavenly Chinese."

## YACHTING.

**The First Regatta of the Season.**—Fourth Session of the Manhattan Club.  
The yachting season was opened yesterday with the Manhattan Yacht Club's fourth annual regatta. The day being particularly fine, although the wind was unpropitious for racing, a very large number of the Club members and their friends assembled on board the steamer Fort Lee, which had been chartered for the occasion. The yachts which contested for prizes were divided into two classes:—  
First Class:—Nancy, Commodore Simpson; Sarah, Captain McCabe; Mystery, V. C. Cooper.  
Second Class:—Emma Sophia, Jacob Varian; Sophia V., J. M. Varian; Skip-Jack, J. D. Brasington; Boz, Captain Islop.

The course for the first class was from the club-house for a ninety-second start, East River, to Sands' Point buoy and return, a distance of thirty miles; for second class, from club-house to Fort Schuyler and return, twenty miles.  
The signal for starting was given at 12½, and immediately all got ready. The wind was very light, and what little there was was adverse; consequently getting away was a series of "tacks," in which much good management was shown by the Mystery, the Boz, and the Skip-Jack, which took the lead. Boz being first. Off Ward's Island the Nancy, who was doing well, made a great mistake by making a wide tack, by which she lost ground that she was unable afterwards to recover. Off Riker's Island Boz led. Mystery took the lead, and Boz close astern, the others being far off. Between that point and Fort Schuyler, Skip-Jack, all the time hugging the shore, crept up slowly and managed to obtain the lead. At this time the Mystery had almost entirely died out, and the Nancy and Emma Sophia being becalmed, withdrew from the race. The others crept along, passing Fort Schuyler in the following order:—Skip-Jack, Sophia V., Boz, Mystery, and Sarah; the latter two were very close. The first-class boats continued their race to Sands' Point, and had an exciting contest. The second-class returned to the home stake-boat, and when about half way there a good breeze sprang up, which bowed them along merrily. The order in which the boats came in was:—Skip-Jack, Sophia V., Boz, Mystery, and Sarah. Skip-Jack and Mystery winning the prizes in their respective classes. The officers of the Club are:—Commodore, S. M. Simpson; Vice-Commodore, J. M. Cooper; Rear-Commodore, S. A. Varian; Secretary, Mr. Islop; Treasurer, J. M. Varian. The Manhattan Club proposes another race shortly.—N. Y. Times, today.

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